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Conditional Approval of the Operable Unit 3 Final Phase RFI/RI Work Plan

Paul Bunge, Acting Director Remediation Programs Division EG&G Rocky Flats, Inc

Please be advised that EPA granted conditional approval of the Operable Unit 3 Final Phase RFI/RI Work Plan on March 17, 1992 CDH recommended approval to EPA on January 14, 1992 Approval was granted "on the condition that issues related to the ongoing site wide ARARs discussions are resolved to EPA's satisfaction" The letters from EPA and CDH are attached for your review Questions can be directed to Robert H Birk at extension 5921

Frazer R Lockhart

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Mr. Frazer Lockhart U.S. Department of Energy Rocky Flats Office P.O. Box 928 Golden, CO 80402-0928

RE: Final RFI/RI Work Plan for Operable Unit 3 (OU 3)

Dear Mr. Lockhart:

EPA has reviewed the above referenced document which was submitted by the Department of Energy (DOE) on February 28, 1992 We believe the document meets the conditions for approval set forth in our comments and the comments of the Colorado Department of Health in correspondence dated January 15, 1992. As lead regulatory agency, EPA grants approval of the Final RFI/RI Work Plan for OU 3 on the condition that issues related to the ongoing site wide ARARS discussions are resolved to EPA's satisfaction.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding OU 3, please contact Bonnie Lavelle at (303)294-1067.

Sincerely,

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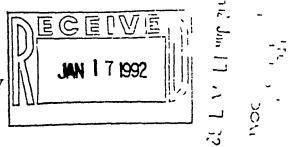
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RE: Final Phase I RFI/RI Workplan for OU 3 - Offsite Areas, December, 1991

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### Review and Comment

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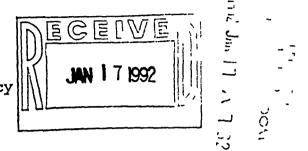
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